

# HADDOCK IS DOWN TODAY.

T WHARF DEALERS HAVE MORE  
FISH THAN THEY WANT  
THIS MORNING.

T wharf dealers had plenty of fish this morning to meet today's demands with probably some left over, just 13 arrivals, three of them being offshores, being reported at the dock since yesterday.

The fleet brought in mostly haddock and cod, the biggest fare of the morning being sch. Cynthia, Capt. "Jeff" Thomas, who hails for 82,000 pounds of haddock and 25,000 weight of cod. Schs. Mary Edith and Mary C. Santos and Mary DeCosta brought in good trips, the latter bringing part of her fare here. The fares of the shore fleet ranged from 600 to 22,000 pounds.

Prices on haddock were low, but cod was well up.

## Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Georgiana, 1500 cod.  
Sch. Grace, 600 cod.  
Sch. Eddie Minot, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Eliza Benner, 6500 haddock, 3500 cod.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 3500 haddock, 3500 cod.  
Sch. Cynthia, 2,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.  
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 11,000 haddock, 5500 cod.  
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 24,000 haddock, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Mary Edith, 35,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 12,000 hake.  
Sch. James and Esther, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake, 1500 cusk.  
Sch. Tecumseh, 3500 haddock, 3500 cod.  
Sch. Flavilla, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Albert W. Black, 10,000 haddock, 600 cod.  
Sch. Massasoit, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod.  
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 7500 haddock.  
Sch. M. Madeline, 3500 cod.  
Sch. Genesta, 4000 haddock, 18,000 cod.  
Sch. Mary De Costa, 34,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Haddock, \$1.25 to \$2.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5.50; market cod, \$2 to \$3.25; hake, \$2 to \$6; pollock, \$3.50.

# HALIBUTERS AT PORTLAND.

Three fares of fresh halibut are at Portland today, aggregating 73,000 pounds in all. They are schs. Preceptor 28,000 pounds net; Thomas A. Cromwell, 30,000 pounds net; and Paragon, 15,000 pounds.

The fare of sch. Paragon brought 13½ cents a pound for white and 10 cents a pound for gray while those of schs. Preceptor and Thomas A. Cromwell sold at 13 cents for white and 10 cents for gray, both less than the price paid here today.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA HERRING.

Season Just Closed At Nanaimo Has  
Been Fairly Successful.

The herring fishery season has closed at Nanaimo, B. C. It was a fairly successful one. The catch is estimated at between 12,000 and 14,000 tons. Some of the fishermen had hoped the season might be extended for several days, but the request that the season be extended was not granted.

The herring are now spawning. The idea of closing down fishing at the commencement of the spawning season is an excellent one, says the Victoria, B. C. Colonist. This time of restriction should rectify the error by which in times past the herring have been so badly depleted. The news is heartily welcomed by those who have at heart the preservation of this great industry the prosperity of which has been seriously jeopardized in this district by fishermen disturbing the waters during the spawning season.

Up to two days prior to close season, practically no herring had visited the waters of Departure Bay, which in former years had been visited by thousands of tons of fish during the season. Why the herring were so late in entering that harbor this year is not fully clear. The fish, however, arrived in the bay in large numbers on Tuesday and Wednesday with the result that the Japanese netted several hundred tons before the close season was declared February 29.

# JOHN STREAM BACK IN 10 DAYS

BRINGS 12,000 POUNDS OF FRESH  
HALIBUT FROM GEORGES  
BANK.

Sch. Rena A. Percy, Capt. John G. Stream, arrived this morning from a Georges halibut trip, after only 10 days out with a fare of 12,000 pounds of fresh halibut.

This is Capt. Stream's second trip in the craft since he purchased her from Portland. He struck good fishing, it is very evident, and the fish were in fine condition when they arrived here and met a ready market.

During the forenoon, sch. Arabia, Capt. Ormsby Seely, arrived from the eastward with a nice shacking fare, consisting of about 100,000 pounds.

From Boston are schs. Frances P. Mesquita with 50,000 pounds of fresh fish, Walter P. Goulart and Mary DeCosta, 30,000 pounds a piece, and Flora L. Oliver, 20,000 pounds, left over from yesterday.

The gill netters did well again yesterday, having about 75,000 pounds among them. Steamer, Nomad had the best catch, boxing up 15,000 weight for shipment.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Flora L. Oliver, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Alice, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Eagle, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 5500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Mindora, gill netting, 3200 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 3800 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 12,500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Nomad, gill netting, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Venture, gill netting, 6500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Geisha, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Hope, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Arabia, shacking, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Rena A. Percy, Georges halibut, 12,000 lbs. fresh halibut.  
Sch. Lillian, Jonesport, cured fish.  
Sch. Eva L. Spurling, shore.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.  
Sch. George H. Lubee, shore.  
Sch. Priscilla, shore.  
Sch. Manomet, shore.  
Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., haddocking.  
Sch. George H. Lubee, haddocking.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt., medium, \$4.50, snappers, \$3.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75, mediums, \$4.25.  
Haddosc, \$1.50.  
Pollock, \$1.50.  
Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2, snappers, \$1.50.  
Hake, \$1.50.

### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, 80c per cwt.  
Peak cod, large, \$1.85; medium, \$1.70; snappers, 75c.  
Western cod, large, \$2.10; mediums, \$1.75, snappers 75c.  
All codfish not gilled, 10 cts. per 100 pounds less than the above.  
Cusk, large, \$1.50, medium, \$1.20, snappers, 60 cts.  
Bank halibut, 15c per lb., for white and 11 1-4c for gray.

### Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.  
Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.  
Shore frozen herring, \$2 to \$3 per bbl.  
Frozen squid, \$3.75 per cwt.

# THE SCHOFIELD CLAM MEASURE.

DR. FIELD OF THE FISHERIES  
AND GAME COMMISSION OP.  
POSED TO IT.

Dr. Field of the commission on fisheries and game has taken the trail of the Schofield clam-lease bill and declares that it must be slain as one of the steps in the direction of clam conservation, says Practical Politics. The doctor, who may be listed as an enthusiast on the clam proposition, asserts with some assurance that the clam is doomed if the bill becomes law. Senator Schofield, the author of the measure, declares that if it doesn't the Sealship company—known in Joppa and the other coast towns as the \$4,000,000 shellfish trust—will control the industry, drive the clammers off the flats and regulate prices inside of five years.

The Schofield bill provides that cities and towns may lease from the state for periods up to 15 years the clam flats within their own borders. The first effect of this, should it become law, would be, of course, to enable the municipalities which have a good percentage of clammers in their population to take the flats away from the jurisdiction of the fisheries and game commission, and this is one thing that the commission, as represented by Dr. Field, kicks on most emphatically. It is one of the things that the clammers have worked for for years—this matter of securing control of the clam flats by the towns and cities.

It is a fact that the men in the clam industry fear the fish and game commissioners more than they do any of the plagues that threaten the shellfish from time to time, and it is here that the commissioners make their first great mistake. Dr. Field, suave and courteous as he is, has fallen into the error of fighting the clammers instead of trying to placate them, until he is regarded from the Rhode Island line to the Hampton river as being a scheming emissary of the shell fish trust.

He would undoubtedly have accomplished more had he recognized the viewpoint of the clam men earlier and sought to win support from them, instead of being so cock-sure that he was right on the subject of leasing the flats to individuals. There is no doubt that in the beginning a middle ground satisfactory to both sides might have been discovered, where as now it begins to look as if it was going to be a blood fight, with the clammers devoting all their efforts to get away from the commission altogether.

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## More Nova Scotia Bankers.

Two new vessels for other owners are being built at Jordan & Sherburn. Swim Brothers will operate a fleet of half a dozen modern schooners. William McMillan, who has made such a success of the bank fishery in years gone by, will, as before stated, have two new vessels off shore. In addition to these the permanent bait supply at Lockeport will bring many craft from other places. It is interesting to note that all the vessels from Lockeport this season, with one exception, will go trawling, the old method of handlining being a thing of the past.

## Salt Fish Market.

The market for salt fish was a trifle weaker in tone all week and prices for codfish weakened in some quarters, according to the Fishing Gazette. Export business was blamed. Salt mackerel, on the other hand, was firm, and higher. Pickled salmon remained at last week's prices, but is much in demand, and prices of that fish are expected to advance before the 1912 fishing begins.

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It is reported that Capt. William Devine of sch. Leo that was destroyed by fire several days ago will take command of sch. Viking.

## Brings Cured Fish.

Sch. Lillian is here from Jonesport, Maine, with a cargo of cured fish for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

## Big Price For Halibut.

The halibut fare of sch. Rena A. Percy gold to the American Halibut Company this morning at 15 cents a pound for white and 11 3-4 cents a pound for gray. Portland is paying 13 and 13 1-2 cents for white and 11 cents for gray.

## HAVE BEEN TO PORTLAND.

And Will Visit Whole Maine Coast on  
Anti-Beam Trawling Matter.

The Portland Press says:

Maine fishermen have come more closely in touch with the present agitation against the beam trawler than ever for two representatives of the Boston Fishermen's committee, F. G. Robinson and Capt. George Nelson, were in Portland recently in the interest of the measure to prohibit this method of fishing.

To arouse the interest in the measure and to get the backing of the fishing interests of Maine were the purposes of the Boston men's visit here. They will make a trip along the coast, visit all fishing centers and explain the evils of the beam trawl to the fishermen and the vessel owners.

In talking with the dealers and fishermen here, Capt. Nelson and Mr. Robinson pointed out the dangers of the beam trawl. There is a unanimity of sentiment against the practice in Maine.

## Fisheries Notes.

U. S. Consul Henry D. Baker, writing from Hobart, Tasmania, says the Norwegian sailing ship Mimosa, which is to act as a floating factory in the proposed whaling industry on the west coast of Tasmania, has arrived at Hobart. It is to be followed by four other vessels which will carry on whaling operations in the vicinity of Port Davey. This will be the first attempt at whaling in Tasmanian waters since 1900. In the old whaling days the work of capturing the whales was carried on completely by sailing vessels, a large number of them from the United States, but now auxiliary and steam vessels are to be used.

Capt. Otto Sverdrup, master of Explorer Fridtjof Nansen's Fram, is in Seattle outfitting for whaling in Alaskan waters. He said: "I expect to build two vessels, each 105 feet long, with 400 horsepower engines. I hope to sail in May. I spent a short time whaling in Alaskan waters last year. I have arranged to secure two trained gunners who are now on their way from Norway to join me. I have done some considerable whaling off Greenland."

Prof. George McCloskie, of Princeton University, is quoted as saying, "The whale's air chamber is as large as an ordinary bedroom, extending from chin to chest, so as to make the neck bulge in front with a thick muscular wall which is sometimes wrinkled in front, and with an entrance from the large windpipe big enough to admit any modern prophet who ventured that way." Jonah's experience, in other words, was not a miracle, reasons the learned professor, but might fall to the lot of any whale fisherman.

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## Cold Storage Plant at Port Clyde.

Work on the new cold storage plant at Port Clyde, Me., has been started. The buildings that have been used for the coal and fish business are being removed to make room for the new plant, which will be of good size and up-to-date in every way.

## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott was at Shelburne, N. S., last Saturday and cleared for the fishing grounds.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie arrived at Halifax Saturday last for shelter and cleared for fishing.

## Will War on Gar Fish.

The Illinois State Fish Commission will start war upon the gar fish, Dr. Stephen A. Forbes says that in one year a single gar fish will kill and eat more than 5,000 minnow.

## Had Cod Beside.

Sch. Rena A. Percy, which arrived yesterday, had 4000 pounds of salt cod and 4000 pounds of fresh fish in addition to her fare of halibut.

## Made Fine Stock.

Sch. Yakima, Capt. Robert Wheaton, stocked \$3000 from her halibut trip at Portland, Monday, the crew sharing \$82 to a man.

## Value of Southern Fisheries.

According to the Manufacturers' Record, the income from the fisheries of the Southern States is \$20,000,000.

## Halibut At Portland.

Sch. Tacoma is at Portland today with a big trip of fresh halibut, halibut for 35,000 pounds not sold.



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## SCHOFIELD CLAM FLAT BILL HELD UP

### Ways and Means Committee Asked to Give a Public Hearing.

State House, Boston, April 2.—The Schofield bill to allow the state to lease clam flats to cities and towns is still in the hands of the senate ways and means committee and some opposition is being stirred up over the matter. It has been in the hands of the committee now for two weeks or more and Senator Schofield has sought to get the committee to act on it.

Now the story is that the committee has been asked by the state fish and game commission to give a public hearing on the matter and that the matter be held for a while before setting a date for a hearing.

This is the bill that was petitioned for by the senator to put an end to the annual agitation of the matter. The state fish and game commission each year asked that it be given authority to lease clam flats to individuals and this makes the fight an annual occurrence. As in former years this recommendation of the commission has been turned down but the Schofield bill is yet to be acted upon.

Under that bill the state can lease to the city or town for 15 years. A town or city cannot let to individuals, but can grant permits to its citizens to go on any of the flats. If enacted, it prevents the exclusive control of any portion of flats and at the same time ties the hand of the state fish and game commission for the 15 years.

Last year the people from Barnstable got through a bill that allowed the selectmen there to grant leases to citizens for a period of years and now these people are quite disturbed over the Schofield bill. They do not know just how far reaching it is. They profess to believe that it will not interfere with such leases as have been granted but will prevent the granting of any more leases and will prevent the renewal of those already issued when they expire.

At the time the fish and game committee gave a hearing on the Schofield bill the room was full of men from the North Shore in favor of the measure. It is to be expected that if the ways and means committee gives a hearing the same delegation will be on hand to support the senator.

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#### Provincetown Fishing Notes.

Sch. Joseph J. Johnson arrived from Gloucester the past week, where she has been overhauled this winter, and will again engage in fresh fishing.

Several of the fleet of gasoline boats with headquarters at Capt. Joseph Cabral's wharf have been hauled up for the summer, their owners going aboard the large vessels until next fall.

Capt. Joseph Paine is to command sch. Philip P. Manta in the fresh fishing business, recently commanded by the late Capt. Manuel Costa.

Schs. Mary C. Santos with 8000 pounds, Matchless with 6000 pounds, and Natalie Nelson with 10,000 pounds fish landed at F. R. Neal's wharf last week.

#### Crowding Killed Them.

The annual report of the Fish and Game Commission of Massachusetts says the loss of trout fry and fingerling have been very large, due to an overcrowded hatchery.

#### Open Season for Trout.

In Massachusetts the open season for trout commenced Monday.

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## TWO FRESH FISH TRIPS IN HERE.

ONLY FOUR OF THE GILL NETTING FLEET WERE OUT YESTERDAY.

Fresh fish receipts at this port this morning comprise schs. Juno and Ingomar from Georges, the former with 80,000 pounds of fresh fish and the latter 85,000 pounds.

Sch. Etta Mildred from Georges handling is also in with 20,000 pounds of salt cod and 4000 pounds of fresh halibut. Several of the fleet at Boston this morning are expected down during the afternoon.

Only four of the gill netting fleet were out yesterday, the gasliners and smaller boats remaining inside. Steamer Nomad got a nice lift and brought in 13,000 pounds while the Margaret D. and F. S. Willard had 9000 pounds each and the Enterprise, 7000 pounds.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Ingomar, Georges, 85,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Etta Mildred, Georges handling, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 4000 lbs. fresh halibut.

Str. Margaret D. gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 13,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Juno, Georges, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fannie, shore.

Sch. Reliance, shore.

Sch. Yakima, via Portland.

Sch. George H. Lubee, shore.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore.

Sch. Paragon, via Portland.

#### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

##### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt., medium, \$4.50, snappers, \$3. Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75, mediums, \$4.25.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2, snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

##### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, 80c per cwt.

Peak cod, large, \$1.85; medium, \$1.70; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.10; mediums, \$1.75, snappers 75c.

All codfish not gilled, 10 cts. per 100 pounds less than the above.

Cusk, large, \$1.50, medium, \$1.20, snappers, 60 cts.

Bank halibut, 15c per lb., for white and 11 1-4c for gray.

##### Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.

Shore frozen herring, \$2 to \$3 per bbl.

Frozen squid, \$3.75 per cwt.

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#### BEAM TRAWLING FOR HERRING.

Fishermen From Every Scotch Port Want It Stopped at Once.

At a recent meeting of Scottish fishermen at Aberdeen, representatives from every fishing port in Scotland being present, a resolution was passed unanimously calling upon the government to take immediate steps to get the North Sea Powers to stop the beam trawling method of fishing for herrings.

#### Pensacola Fish Notes.

No ill effects from last week's storm were experienced in the fishing receipts at Pensacola. There were 11 arrivals of fishing smacks, 6 for E. E. Saunders Co., and 5 for the Warren Fish Co., bringing in 185,500 pounds of red snapper and 65,500 pounds of grouper; a total of 251,000 pounds of fish. The E. E. Saunders Co. received 102,000 pounds of red snapper and 48,000 pounds of grouper, while the Warren Fish Co. received 83,500 pounds of red snapper and 17,500 pounds of grouper. The total receipts of 251,000 pounds keeps the weekly average receipts up to the high mark with which the year commenced.

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## HADDOCK DOWN TO 80 CENTS.

ANOTHER BIG GLUT OF FISH IN AT T WHARF THIS MORNING.

T wharf was glutted with fresh fish this morning, 24 arrivals aggregating over 1,000,000 pounds having arrived at the dock since yesterday.

On account of the light demand which is somewhat unusual the last week in Lent, trade was dull and prices took another big slump which means that most of the offshore fellows will come here with their fares to split. Haddock sold as low as 80 cents per hundred weight, same as the splitting price.

The largest fare of the morning is sch. Mary P. Goulart with 145,000 pounds. The new sch. Mary F. Sears is in from her maiden trip with a nice fare and hauls for 122,000 pounds. Capt. Sears is much pleased with his craft and she behaved nicely on her initial trip. Other big fares are schs. Massachusetts 90,000 pounds, Alice M. Guthrie, 43,000 pounds; Quonnapowitt, 54,000 pounds; Fannie E. Prescott, 100,000 pounds; Buema, 72,000 pounds; Lillian, 99,000 pounds; Jessie Costa, 89,000 pounds. The steam trawlers Surf and Foam are also at the dock with 75,000 and 32,000 pounds apiece, and sch. Teazer from halibuting with 12,000 pounds of halibut, 6000 pounds of salt cod and 10,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Haddock was quoted at 80 cents to \$2.30 a hundred weight; large cod, \$2.60 to \$5; market cod, \$2 to \$3.25; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$3 to \$3.75; cusk, \$3.

#### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 60,000 haddock, 85,000 cod.

Steamer Surf, 70,000 haddock, 5000 hake.

Steamer Foam, 17,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Teazer, 4000 hake, 6000 cusk, 12,000 halibut, 6000 lbs. salt fish.

Sch. Massachusetts, 60,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 18,000 haddock, 23,000 cod.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, 70,000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 19,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Yankee, 5500 haddock, 1200 cod, 300 hake.

Sch. Madie M. Nunan, 2500 haddock, 3800 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Quonnapowitt, 35,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 8000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Valentinna, 10,000 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 9000 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Albert W. Black, 10,000 haddock.

Sch. Mettacommet, 2500 haddock, 7500 cod.

Sch. Adeline.

Sch. Romance.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 30,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 30,000 hake, 20,000 cusk.

Sch. Buema, 8000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 30,000 hake, 20,000 cusk.

Sch. Lillian, 80,000 haddock, 19,000 cod.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 60,000 haddock, 29,000 cod.

Sch. Stranger, 4500 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 11,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Haddock 80 cts. to \$2.30 per cwt. large cod \$2.60 to \$5; market cod, \$2 to \$3.25; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$3 to \$3.75; cusk, \$3.

## RED SNAPPER RECORD BROKEN.

Evidencing the fact that he is the most successful commander of a fishing smack out of the port of Pensacola, Captain Gus Hansen of the sch. Mary E. Cooney, formerly of this port, from a 13 day trip to the Campechy snapper banks, reported a catch of 53,000 pounds of snappers and 5000 pounds of groupers, making two consecutive record breaking trips.

On his previous trip, which only consumed 18 days, Captain Gus Hansen weighed out 49,000 pounds of snappers, then the biggest catch of red beauties that had ever been brought in by any smack in any port.

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## DUMPING GROUND FOR POOR FISH.

DEPUTIES INVESTIGATE REPORT THAT SPOILED HALIBUT ARE SOLD.

Dairy and food commissioners condemned 3800 pounds of halibut at Tacoma Wash., a few days ago. Two deputies, according to the Post-Intelligencer, said they had investigated a report that Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane were being used as dumping grounds for spoiled halibut, termed "seconds" and "thirds," "firsts" being shipped to the East, and found the charge true to a certain extent. They also said there was a disease among halibut that made the flesh "milky white," mushy and porous, the flesh showing no fibre or grain, while the flesh of healthy halibut has a bluish tint and the grain is well defined.

#### PORTLAND FISH NOTES.

Sch. Yakima Got Very Fancy Price for Fare of Halibut.

When Capt. Bob Wharton in sch. Yakima of this port struck Portland Monday after being gone only three weeks, he hit the market just right for halibut. The price paid was the highest in weeks, though not a record. The white fish brought 17 cents a pound, while the grays were purchased for 13 1-2 cents. By the time the average person gets the halibut, a pretty figure will have been paid.

Capt. Wharton certainly made great time on his run and he was favored with better weather than has been the lot of the average fisherman. Just three weeks ago he was at Portland, yet since then he ran to Quaco bank, made his sets, landed 17,000 pounds of halibut and returned. The halibut were bought by F. M. Harris of the New England Fish Company, while 5000 pounds of fresh fish were purchased by the F. S. Willard Co.

The schooner Angie B. Watson is fitting out for a halibuting trip. She will leave about the middle of the month.

Besides the small boats, the steamer Carrie and Mildred, arrived at Portland Monday with 2900 pounds of fish. She was the only arrival of consequence.

#### Fulton Market Fish Notes.

Although the past week was next to the last week of Lent trade in general was nowhere near as good as it ought to be says the Fishing Gazette. While most prices were low there was little buying. How it will be this week is a problem. Indications are that there will be plenty of fish and it ought to sell well as there are three fish days, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Codfish was low in price during the entire week with the exception of Thursday, when the quotation was 8 to 9 cents per pound for steak fish. Earlier in the week the same kind of cod sold as low as 5 cents per pound. The price of market cod for the week varied from 3 to 6 cents per pound, according to the supply on hand.

Haddock sold at 2 to 5 1-2 cents per pound. Sales during the early part of the week were made at the former figure and the high prices ruled during the latter part of the week.

Western white halibut sold at 9 to 10 cents per pound during the first four days of the week. Prices took a jump on Thursday and the quotation was a shilling to 14 cents per pound. There was a further advance yesterday of 1 to 1 1-2 cents per pound.

Pollock sold at 4 cents from Saturday to Tuesday. Wednesday the quotation was 1 cent more a pound. There was no pollock in the market on Thursday or Friday.

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#### Valuable Fish Cargo.

Sch. Success cleared from Halifax, Monday, for Pernambuco. She has been loaded with fish by Job Brothers, her cargo being valued at about \$29,000.

#### Capt. Geel Sails.

Sch. Tattler, Capt. Alden Geel, sailed on a dory handling trip this forenoon.

#### Made Good Trip.

Sch. Preceptor, Capt. Jack McKay stocked \$2800 from her halibut trip, the share being \$59.94.